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March 8, 2019

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate  
Schedules and Tariffs and Request for Accounting Order  
Docket No. 2018-319-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the Commission's letter Order dated February 14, 2019, I have enclosed the following on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"):

1. An Affidavit indicating that Company customers were notified via automated calls, utilizing the Commission approved telephone script, of the Public Night Hearings scheduled for March 12, 2019, March 13, 2019 and March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM;
2. An Affidavit indicating that Company customers were notified of the Public Night Hearings scheduled for March 12, 2019, March 13, 2019 and March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM, via posting on the Company's website; and
3. The Affidavits of Publication for the Notice of Public Night Hearings on the Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs, for filing in connection with the referenced matter. Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC published the notice in newspapers having general coverage in its service territory.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 864.370.5045.

Yours truly,

*Heather Shirley Smith*

Heather Shirley Smith

Enclosures

cc w/enc: Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2018-319-E**

In the Matter of  
Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Application for  
Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and  
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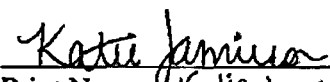
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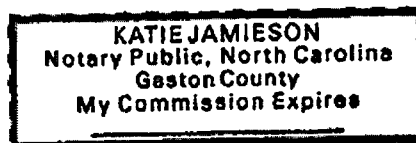
PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, LAURA PRICE, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Marketing Communications Manager for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; that under her direction and supervision notification of Public Night Hearings scheduled for March 12, 2019, March 13, 2019 and March 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM, was provided to Company customers by initiating electronic automated calls, providing the date, time and location of said scheduled hearings, to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, on or before February 22, 2019.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Price

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This the 4 day of March 2019.

  
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Print Name: Katie Jamieson  
Notary Public for North Carolina  
My Commission Expires: June 14, 2021



**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2018-319-E ORDER NO. 2019-16-H**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

**Standing Hearing Officer: Randall Dong**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Request for Approval of Language for Use in Alternate Notice of Public Night Hearings**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**In connection with Order No. 2019-15-H, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC has presented the following telephone script to the Commission for approval:**

This message is to inform you that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina has scheduled three public hearings in response to the application filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to adjust and increase its rates and charges. The three hearings will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Spartanburg County Council Chambers at 366 North Church Street, Suite 1000 in Spartanburg, SC; on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the Anderson County Council Chambers at 101 South Main Street in Anderson, SC; and on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Greenville County Council Chambers at 301 University Ridge, Suite 2400 in Greenville, SC.

The notice of the hearings and additional information can be found at the Commission's website, [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC further proposes that the following information about the night hearings will be posted on the Company's website. It will be located at the top of the page.**

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina has scheduled the following public hearings in response to the Duke Energy Carolinas application to adjust and increase its rates and charges:

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**The language proposed above is approved.**

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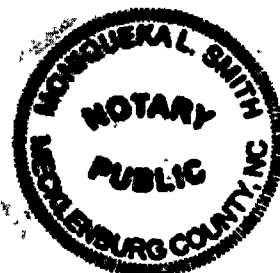
PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, MEREDITH BARE, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Senior Communications Consultant for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; that under her direction and supervision, the Notice of Website Posting attached hereto and incorporated herein has been furnished by posting on the Company's website, available to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, on or before February 22, 2019.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Meredith Bare  
Meredith Bare

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This the 4 day of March 2019.

Monique L. Smith  
Print Name: Monique L. Smith  
My Commission Expires: April 26, 2020





## Billing & Payment

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# Case

How we're building a smarter, more-reliable energy future.

On Nov. 8, 2018, Duke Energy Carolinas made a request before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSCSC) to adjust customer bills. The request reflects important investments made to build a cleaner, smarter energy future for customers in South Carolina.

Our continued work to modernize the electric system, generate cleaner power (including nuclear project development costs), responsibly manage and close coal ash basins, and improve reliability and service to more than 591,000 customers in the Upstate region of South Carolina are the primary reasons behind this filing. The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSCSC) will ultimately determine what's appropriate for customer rates based on a long-standing and very transparent public process for reviewing rate requests.

## How a rate case works



Duke Energy



Customers and



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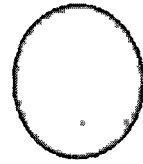


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# The Greenville News



**USA TODAY  
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## Legal Advertising

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Anna Russell  
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CLERK'S OFFICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARINGS  
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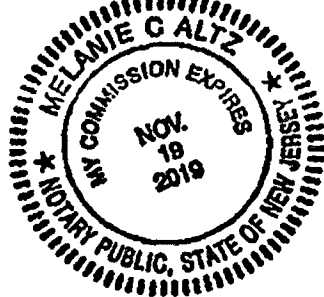
I, Debbie Davis, being the Legal Advertising Agent for The Independent Mail, do hereby testify that the attached legal ad was published on 166 lines for 1 consecutive weeks, as set forth above, in the Independent Mail beginning on 02/19/2019 and ending on 02/19/2019

*Debbie Davis*

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Legal Advertising Agent

*Melanie C Altz*



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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## CLERK'S OFFICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARINGS

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## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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Attention: Allison Williams

DUKE ENERGY  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

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**THE HERALD  
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Renee Jones  
 Inside Classified Accounts  
 Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this 19th day of February, 2019



Kristie H. Moore  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires:  
 December 20, 2027

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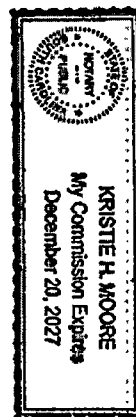
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**Herald-Journal**

189 West Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306  
864-562-7305

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG**

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the State and County  
aforesaid, Kathy Biltoft, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes  
and says that he is a Representative of the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, a newspaper  
published in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and that the attached Legal ad  
was published for 1 time(s) in the following issues:

2/18/19

Kathy Biltoft  
Kathy Biltoft

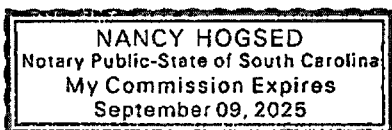
Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 28th day of February, 2019

Nancy Hogsed  
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Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires September 9th, 2025



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